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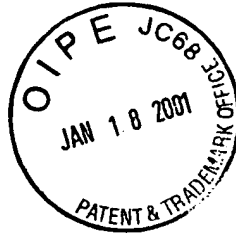
In re application of

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations:

English language abstract WO 99/61610 constitutes a concise statement of relevance of WO 99/61610.


Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding Communication from a Foreign Patent Office citing reference WO 97/28186, together with an English language version of that portion of the Communication from a Foreign Patent Office indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

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